(c) whether Centre propose to render support both financial and physical to the State for execution of the above project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Government of Orissa has informed that there is a relief and rehabilitation frame-work already in place in the State. There is no fresh proposal to develop a permanent relief system at this stage.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Grant under accelerated Power Development and Improvement Programme

*108. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Accelerated Power Development and Improvement Programme, the Ministry provides 50 per cent of the project cost for improvement of sub-transmission and distribution networks of which 50 per cent is provided in the form of grant and 50 per cent of loan;

(b) whether, in view of various steps taken by the Government of Rajasthan for reforms in the Power sector, the Central Government have any plan to provide the 90 per cent of the allocation amount in the form of grant and 10 per cent in the form of loan under this scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. Under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP), funds are provided through a combination of grant and loan to the State Governments as additional Central Plan Assistance. In respect of Non-Special Category States, APDRP provides fifty per cent of the project cost while the SEBs/ Utilities have to arrange balance fifty per cent of the cost from their own resources or as loans from Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) and other Financial Institutions (FIs). However, in respect of Special Category States (all North Eastern-Sfcates, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Jammu & Kashmir), APDRP provides 100% of the project cost in the ratio of 90% grant and 10% loan.

(b) No, Sir.

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(c) National Development Council (NDC) accords special status to the States as per the following guidelines:

- Strategic location on the border with neighbouring countries;
- Hilly terrains;
- Inadequate economic and Social infrastruture;
- Predominantly large tribal population; and
- Limited and weak resource base compared to development needs.

Accordingly the funding pattern for the Special Category States has been adopted under APDRP.

Dual Citizenship to NRIs

*109. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide dual citizenship to Non-Resident Indians residing abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRI PRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Government of India has introduced Registration of Overseas Indian Citizenship to People of Indian Origin (PIO) who are citizens of one of the sixteen specified countries. The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2003, Citizenship (second Amendment) Rules 2004 and Citizenship (Thrid Amendment) Rules, 2004 have been notified to operationalize the scheme.

Participation of STs in Army, Navy and Air Force

*110. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the participation rate of Scheduled Tribes in Army, Navy and Air Force is poor;

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